

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, December 12, 1893, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. GILSEY HOUSE, NEW YORK. New York, Dec. 12, 1893. My darling Alec:

Only a line or two tonight, it is late and I am tired. This has been a badly wasted morning, but a well spent evening. I lost an hour waiting for my dressmaker, and nearly two hours waiting for the doctor. I found that the pressary Dr. McKeen put in had turned a somersault and was doing more harm than good, so I felt obliged to ask Dr. Kennicutt to recommend some one to put it in again, and that is how I happened to be waiting all this blessed morning on the convenience of a cousin of the President's, Dr. Cleveland. I like him, I wrote to him before going so he might know about me and asked him various questions. Well he understood me remarkably well and I him and he was not shy so we got along swimmingly. He says it's your fault not mine. I don't mean he put it that way, only that there's no reason on mine why not. Secondly that there is an operation which does away absolutely, entirely and permanently with the use of a pressary, but he can find no evidence of Dr. Goodell's having performed that operation. He said the pressary I wore was unsuitable as is perfectly evident, and inserted another, but said I must return again tomorrow that he may be sure it fits. I am not sure that it does. He says it ought to be removed once a month. How I hate the thing, it's purgatory having all this performance.

This afternoon I went to Morristown and had a lovely time, have just returned tired but so glad I went.

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Tell Mr. McCurdy I hope he didn't take my last in bad part. I would write but am too tired.

Last letter to you dear old fellow, come soon I love you.

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